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**An internal memo regarding the Byrde incident
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To our Valued Investors:

It has come to our PR team's attention that the Byrde incident hit the mainstream in the form of several social media posts, all of which are misconstruing the situation. By accurately detailing the Byrde incident in this memo, we hope to reassure you that the decisions made by Seedlings Inc. are within the best interests of our loyal shareholders. As this is an internal memo, sent only to investors with a .05% or more stake in Seedlings Inc., the corporation asks that you under no circumstances share this with the general public.

Seedlings Inc. was made aware of a possible unauthorized cloning performed by the company approximately 16 years ago. On August 19th, 2041, a young man by the name of Ajay Byrde entered the Seedlings facility in Nashville, presenting our investigation team with all of the typical evidence of an unauthorized cloning. His case was fairly airtight; his credit score was in flux due to what seemed to be constant identity theft, and a third-party genomics company stated that his record was already on file after attempting to send his DNA in to learn more about his genealogy.

Knowingly cloning someone without their consent is a class B felony and is in violation of points K.18 through K.23 in the Seedlings Inc. liability contract. To protect the rights of our customers, Our Unauthorized Cloning Investigation Team (UCIT) works with the utmost diligence to track down possible leads in an attempt to disable the unauthorized clones. On the morning of August 21st, 2041, UCIT found the clone of Ajay Byrde: another Ajay Byrde with the same social security number, living in Washington state.

UCIT contacted the Washington version of Ajay Byrde that afternoon, and after describing the situation to him, stated that there was, quote, "a huge fucking mistake, what are you doing to me", and that the Tennessee version of Ajay Byrde was the unauthorized clone. This is a response that the UCIT comes across often, so much so that the team set a protocol for this exact type of situation. Both Ajay Byrdes were taken into custody the next morning, and UCIT began interrogations to determine which Ajay Byrde was the original and which was the unauthorized clone.

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The first eight hours of interrogation conducted by UCIT were inconclusive. It is well documented by biotechnologists inside and outside of Seedlings Inc. that a clone does not carry the memories of its clonee (Lowis p.33-39) and their memories begin in the laboratory. Because of this, the first determinate used in finding the original is a run-of-the-mill memory scrape. This became problematic in the Ajay Byrde case, as memory scrapes of both Ajay Byrdes started in Seedlings Inc. laboratories at abnormally young ages. According to federal law, with few exceptions (Cloning Protections for Children Act, subsection four, "Untimely Accidents"), children are forbidden to be cloned. It is only in cases of extreme circumstance that Seedlings Inc. would even begin to think of using the DNA of a child to create new life. The fact that this very scenario happened twice with the same set of DNA in our laboratories many years prior had left Seedlings Inc. incredibly concerned, and open for possible lawsuits.

The UCIT team began contacting the relatives of both Ajay Byrdes in an attempt to sort out which was the clonee and which was the unauthorized clone. UCIT was able to contact the mother of the Washington Ajay Byrde, Mrs. Josephine Muller. UCIT had also located and contacted the biological father of the Tennessee Ajay Byrde, a man named Mr. Howell Byrde. Mr. Byrde's faculties were decidedly too diseased to perform a memory scrape. Nonetheless, he procured a key element that solved the Byrde case: documents from a Tennessee court case detailing his divorce and subsequent splitting of assets and custody of Ajay Byrde with Ms. Muller.

It was then, through more interrogations, consensual memory scrapes, DNA examinations, and a look through the Seedlings Inc. archived database, in which the true and full story revealed itself to the Seedlings Inc. UCIT team.

On February 12, 2024, Ms. Muller and Mr. Byrde fell into what the Tennessee courts described as a "bitter and unending feud, the likes of which had never been seen before in Nashville". Due to the general nastiness of the couple in the courtroom, as well as past criminal records that both parties had accrued, it was determined that neither parent would receive custody of a young Ajay Byrde. Custody was instead turned over to Ajay Byrde's maternal grandparents, located in California.

Exactly one year later on February 12, 2025, Mrs. Muller filled out the paperwork to authorize cloning Ajay Byrde at the Tacoma branch of Seedlings, Inc.. Aware of the Untimely Accidents clause, Mrs. Muller presented a

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falsified death certificate to Seedlings, which accepted the document as true. Using a few hairs with roots attached, Seedlings Inc. performed the cloning operation the next day.

On April 10th, 2025, without any knowledge of Mrs. Muller's unauthorized cloning, Mr. Byrde approached the Nashville facility with a different falsified death certificate of Ajay Byrde. Ideally, this second cloning of Ajay Byrde should not have taken place. To prevent DNA degradation (clones-of-clones), there are both SSN and DNA checksums against the Seedlings Inc. global database that should have triggered a warning when Ajay Byrde's records were filed a second time. Unfortunately, the Nashville branch experienced a power outage two days prior, on April 8th. There were no local backups, and the connection to the global database needed to be reestablished manually. For whatever reason, that did not occur until April 12th. It is presumed that all cloning at the Nashville branch in that time-frame went unchecked.

Once UCIT had gathered this collection of evidence, they located and contacted a man by the name of Ajay Muller in Oakland, California. It was quickly confirmed via memory scrape that this was the original Ajay Byrde, whom the two unauthorized clones were modeled after.

This double unauthorized cloning is an unprecedented smudge in the history of Seedlings Inc, doubly so because it had slipped through the cracks for so long. Seedlings Inc. is proud of the work that its UCIT team has put into solving this confusing mystery. As both Ajay Byrdes were created in violation of several laws and without the consent of their clonee, it was under Seedlings Inc.'s jurisdiction they were both disabled on August 25th, 2041.

We hope that this retelling of events gives some context to our trusted and valuable investors that the social media posts cannot provide. If you have further questions, Seedlings inc. will be holding our bi-annual board meeting complete with complimentary pizza on November 31st at 3PM.

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